

I was shocked to read that Sinclair Broadcasting is requiring their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary right before the election.

This would seem to be a clear breach of the letter and the spirit of the law that requires equal time. I would think that such a partisan move by a user of the public airwaves would be illegal. If it is not, then it should be.

It would be different if they would offer documentaries that gave contrasting viewpoints, and it would be different if they made them available for local stations, not mandating usage.

I think this points to a major problem with the FCC's media ownership rules, when such a blatant political move can impact 1/4 of the households in the country. An owner with a partisan bias can simply choose to "break the rules" and decide that it's worth it to pay a potential minimal fine sometime in the future.

Please act to order Sinclair to immediately cease and desist. Thank you for your consideration.